

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

June 22, 2017

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, June 22, 2017. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Mark Verbsky, member; Verna Arnette; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Marco Deshaies, member; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Tanushree Courlas, Certification Unit; Kevin Jarrell, Certification Unit; Andy Barienbrock, OR&C arrived late.

A Class IV presentation began at 9:00 a.m. and was attended by Carmon V. Allen, Jr. (WW), Cory R. Henslee (WS), Darius Johnson (WS), Jeffrey D. Kukay (WS), Jason W. Phillips (WS), and Adam W. Rotondo (WW).

At approximately 10:24 a.m., the Advisory Council meeting was called to order in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

After a review of the Council minutes for the May 11, 2017 meeting, Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried. Verna Arnette and Marco Deshaies abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	RR	TM
David D. Weihrauch, City of Oxford 2 nd submittal, recd. 6/20/17, 11:00 a.m.	**s	**m	**	**				
Brent C. Smith, Clermont County 1 st submittal, recd. 6/20/17, 1:30 p.m.	**	**m	**s	**				

**** Denotes who currently has package. "s" Denotes who is preparing summary.**

"m" Denotes mailed.

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	RR	TM
Brian A. Blum, City of North Olmsted 3 rd (final) submittal, recd. 5/16/2017			**		**	**s		**
Robert G. Coker, Jr., City of Mansfield 2 nd submittal, recd. 5/25/2017				**	**	**		**s
Jason A. Wolfarth, City of Filndlay 1 st submittal, recd. 6/12/2017		**m			**	**		**s
Brad N. Blankenship, Cincinnati MSD 1 st submittal, recd. 6/13/2017	**				**	**s		**
Brian D. Flanagan, NEORSD 1 st submittal, recd. 6/19/2017		**		**	**	**s		

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2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No Class IV water exams were distributed 5/11/17		

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Deborah L. Klosz	NEORS	Recommend passing
Mirko Kucinic	City of Lakewood	Recommend passing
Kristi A. Babcock	City of Defiance	Recommend passing

Mark Verbsky made a motion to recommend passing Deborah Klosz, Mirko Kucinic and Kristi A. Babcock. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry Meister and Marco Deshaies abstained.

3) Extensions

Lance Livesay, City of Fairborn, requested an extension to submit his Class IV Water Supply examination which is due June 30, 2017. His request was received on June 8, 2017. He had not requested an extension previously.

Keith W. Bovard, City of Rocky River, requested an extension to complete his Class IV Wastewater Treatment examination which was due May 30, 2017. His request was received June 13, 2017. He had not requested an extension previously.

Tom Jedlinsky recommended granting Mr. Livesay a one year extension to submit his Class IV examination and denying Mr. Bovard's extension request since it was made after the deadline. Verna Arnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Donald Straub, Jr. has held a Class D-4 Waterworks System Certification with the State of Michigan since 11/5/2014 and the certification is valid through January 15, 2018.

The Michigan Class D-5 certification is the lowest and D-1 certification is the highest. To become certified at the D-4 level, a high school diploma and six months full time experience at a groundwater source plant is required. Council members have reviewed a representative examination shared by the State of Michigan.

Mr. Straub has been employed by Ohio's Northwestern Water and Sewer District since January 30, 2017 as a Meter/Field Technician 1. His previous operating experience with the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan has been confirmed.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to recommend the Director grant Donald Straub Jr. a Class 1 Water Supply certification based upon his work experience, his employment in the State of Ohio and reciprocity with the State of Michigan for a Class D-4 Waterworks System certification. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

Seventy-One Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between May 11, 2017 and June 21, 2017. Certificates were issued to: Matthew C. Audrey (WW3); Mark O. Armstrong (WW2); John C. Arps (WD2); Bradley H. Ault (WS2); Philip A. Barone (WW1); Kelly A. Barron-Holcomb (WS3); Jacob Beal (WW2); Shane R. Biss (WW1); William A. Blakely (WS2); Daniel J. Braithwaite (WD1); Elizabeth M. Buening (WWA); Rylan Burnheimer (WW1); Leon Burnheimer (WW1); Leon E. Bursley, Jr. (WS3); Alexander Bushelmar (WW1); Cole A. Carbone (WC2); Zach Clark (WD1); Cole A. Carbone (WC2); Eric J. Coven (WS2); James T. Czech (WSA); Scott A. Darnell (WS2); Branden R. Dority (WW2); Jason R. Duvall (WW1); Chad Eldridge (WS3); Jake Farley (WD1); Jeffrey K. Figgins (WS1); Chad A. Fitzenrider (WS2); Michael J. Fortesque (WW2); Daniel J. Frazzini (WW2); Dominic M. Fritz (WD1); Jason R. Fugate (WSA); Brandon J. Gates (WS1); Andrew Guinther (WS1); Paul D. Gura (WS1); Ethan Harness (WD1); Edward J. Hart (WSA); Andrew C. Hartman (WC1); Gary A. Heid (WW1); Isaac Heslop (WS1); Gary Hukill (WW1); Brandon J. Izor (WD2); Nick Jacobs (WS1); Jeremy A. Kelber (WS1); John R. Kern (WW1); Michael J. Kindy (WS1); Richard Kundracik (WS3); Ebson E. Miller (WC1); Robert M. Miller (WW3); Daniel L. Morgenstern (WD1); Daniel Osborne (WSA); Eric D. Peck (WW3); Matthew D. Pennington (WS1); Dinh C. Pham (WW1); Eric D. Brendan D. Poling (WS1); Jake M. Rayle (WD1); Jason W. Rice (WW1); Marie L. Richards (WS1); Ken D. Saltz (WWA); Matt E. Sandwisch (WWA); Anthony H. Schaefer, IV (WC1); Ronnie L. Shepherd (WC1); Justin M. Snyder (WW2); Kyle W. Spence (WS1); Donald J. Straub (WD2); Mark C. Thompson (WSA); Larry J. Vest (WW1); Justin E. Wells (WW1); Emory W. Wright (WS1); James P. Wyer (WS3); John A. Zielske, Jr. (WW1); Adam E. Zolciak (WC1).

6) Other Business

Richard Reed was recognized and thanked for his service to the Operator Certification Advisory Council since July 1, 2007.

The Operator Training Committee of Ohio cancelled their appointment to meet with Council from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will request a meeting in the future.

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 156 Ohio water and wastewater exams in May 2017.

Council reviewed the syllabus for the University of Toledo Bachelor of Science degree major of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry. Mark Verbsky made a motion to not accept the major for experience credit. Verna Arnette seconded the motion. Marco Deshaies opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Between the May 11, 2017 and June 22, 2017 Council meetings, Class IV application were approved for Carmon V. Allen, Jr. (WW); Marill A. Clay (WW); Cory R. Henslee (WS); Jason W. Phillips (WS).

Andy Barienbrock gave an update on the status of the review/revision of the Operator Certification rules.

At 12:12 p.m. Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the investigation of charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:33 p.m. Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to move out of executive session. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:38 p.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, 2017, in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m.

Council Approved: July 20, 2017